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# DIGITAL ACADEMY

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## Parent Conferences Quarter 1

**VIRTUAL OR IN-PERSON**

Next Tuesday, November 23rd, we will be holding parent conferences from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

We are holding conferences both in person (in the CHS Library) and virtually (via the Digital Zoom Room)

Please make an appointment by emailing Mr. Thompson at [rthompson@chesteruplandsd.org](mailto:rthompson@chesteruplandsd.org).

When you make the appointment request several times that will work for you and let us know how you want to meet. We will schedule based on received requests.

If the available slots are all gone we will try to arrange for a conference the week after Thanksgiving at a mutually acceptable time.!

# My Report Card is Terrible - What Do I Do Now?

There are plenty of reasons for bad grades, but that doesn't mean you need to give up!

Some students are not happy with their report cards because they thought just by showing up they would pass.

In Digital, we look at two key indicators - time on task and completion percentage.

Time on task is calculated by time actually working on material, not just by login time. Parents and students can see time on task for each course by looking at "Activity" on the gradpoint course page.

Completion percentage is based on number of days enrolled and the number of "gradable" activities completed. Every day the students are reminded of the targets, and they are also updated in the announcements section of GradPoint.

Taken together, time on task and completion percentage determine the grade. If you are on task and at target with a grade of 88% then you are awarded a "B" for the quarter. If you are only 5% through the material and the target is 25% it doesn't matter if you have 100% showing as your average - you still did not meet the minimum requirements and you will receive an "F".

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## Accessing the Observer Account in Gradpoint

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Click the link below to access Gradpoint

<https://cusdnf8488-chesterup-pps.v2.gradpoint.com/>

Enter your username (the email address you gave us) and password "digital"

If you have problems connecting, please email Mr. Thompson

[info.dtda@chesteruplandsd.org](mailto:info.dtda@chesteruplandsd.org)  
or  
[rthompson@chesteruplandsd.org](mailto:rthompson@chesteruplandsd.org)

# **My Report Card is Terrible - What Do I Do Now?**

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Ultimately, it's course grades that determine credits, and not marking period grades. So if you did poorly in a course the first marking period and complete all the work by the end of the semester or the year you will still receive the grade you earned by completing the course - even with that "F" in the first marking period

Remember that your marking period grade is based on time on task and percentage completed, but the course grade is what appears on your transcript.

If you consistently work on each subject for at least 50 minutes per day you will meet or exceed the 5-1/2 hour daily requirement.

If you consistently work on each subject every day and ask for help when you need it, you will stay on target for completion rates.

If you consistently work on each subject every day, you will complete courses, earn grades, and be promoted to the next grade.

Does that mean you have to complete all courses to get the grades? Yes, it does, but if you were on vacation during quarter 1 you can still complete everything you need to by years' end. One way or another, you're going to put in the time to do the learning - and that's really why we are here.

Many of you will be placed on probation in December because you are still not working the required hours; some of you will be asked to return to your home schools because you continue to do no work.

What do I do now? If you want to learn and pass and get good grades the answer is simple - come to school, work on each class every day, ask for help when you need it, and manage your time.

We guarantee if you do all these things you will learn, you will get good grades, and you will be promoted or graduate on time, every time!

*Happy Thanksgiving*  
TO ALL OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES